

## CLAIMANTS APPEAR FOR \$40,000 LOOT

Police Make Exhibit of Jewelry, Silverware and Clothing for Victims.

## AN EX-CONVICT'S STORE

Metelski's Wife Says She Didn't Know What Was in Locked Room.

## WAS OUT ON A PARDON

'Masonic Burglar' Had Served Thirteen of a Forty Years Sentence.

An exhibit of silverware, clothing and jewelry valued at \$40,000, which Detectives Seckinger and McLaughlin found at the home of William Metelski, the "Masonic burglar," who was captured Friday morning, was displayed on tables yesterday at the Atlantic avenue station house for the inspection of persons whose homes have been looted within a year.

Metelski's wife, who was found at the burglar's home, 732 Rockaway avenue, said she never suspected her husband's profession, and did not know of the contents of the private room which Metelski kept always locked, and which the detectives said was packed with the loot. It contained, among other things, thirty-eight evening gowns, six opera cloaks, table linen, fifteen small clocks, thirty-two wrist watches, fourteen women's diamond pines, fifteen sets of table silver and thirty vases.

**Stolen Goods Identified.**

Among the callers at the station house was Frank L. Patterson of 355 First street, who identified silverware and other articles, valued altogether at \$2,000, as stolen from the home of Justice Isaac M. Kapper of the Supreme Court, 357 First street, Albert Glenn of 277 First street, who claimed property valued at \$2,100, and Mrs. Catherine McLaughlin of 261 First street, who said three evening gowns and silverware valued at \$1,800 were hers. The articles at these homes were committed about two months ago.

Other callers were from the Sterling Heights, Crown Heights and Bedford sections of Brooklyn. By late afternoon much of the loot had been identified. The key to the room in which the treasure was found was taken from Metelski's pocket after his arrest.

An operation to remove a bullet lodged in Metelski's spinal column was performed successfully yesterday at Kings County Hospital. He was shot twice at the time of his capture, one bullet grazing his right eye. Surgeons said after the operation that he will be crippled for life.

To detectives Seckinger and McLaughlin, who called to see him after the operation, Metelski said: "I'm sorry I didn't get you. Give me a gun and the start and I'll let you get the drop on me, and I'll take my chance."

Metelski was captured in the rear of the home of Nathan Halperin, 1515 President street, Brooklyn, the police allege, after he looted the house. He was paroled in 1912 after serving thirteen years of a forty year term in Sing Sing. After drawing revolvers and threatening to fire, two men who summoned Anthony Polowczyk to the door of his safe in Corbin avenue, Elmhurst, Queens, just after midnight yesterday morning, lost their nerve and fled. Polowczyk, who was closing the saloon, opened the door when he heard the knocking and was confronted by the drawn revolvers.

**Quit When Bluff Was Called.**

"Throw up your hands or we'll shoot," said one of the men.

"Go ahead and shoot," said Polowczyk. The men did not fire, but remained silent a few minutes, when they turned and ran away.

When Arthur Graham of 2306 Park avenue, The Bronx, stopped to light a cigarette at the foot of the elevated station of the Jerome avenue subway at East street yesterday morning he was set upon by three negroes, who robbed him of \$100 in cash and a diamond pin valued at \$30. One of the negroes put a revolver to his head and another had a blackjack. The approach of other passengers frightened the men away, Graham managed to save his watch.

Two men who walked into the United Cigar store at Bowery and Broadway street were followed in by Detective Gilbert Orlovsky and Kelly of headquarters and searched. It was alleged they had revolvers, when they said they were Anthony Figliolini, 227 Harway avenue, Brooklyn, and Carman J. Culocci, 329 East Twenty-second street, Manhattan. In Tombs court they were held in \$2,500 bail each for trial in Special Sessions.

Revolvers were found on two of three men arrested yesterday at South Fifth street and Deane avenue, Brooklyn, according to the police, and one of the armed men, said to be William Shepps, 192 Gravesend street, was charged with the robbery last Sunday of \$312 from the restaurant of Reuben Jahnke, 599 Grand street, Brooklyn. Shepps and Anthony Burdulis, 214 North Sixth street, who was charged with violation of the Sullivan law, were held in \$10,000 bail each in Bridge Plaza Court. Adolf Bisogno, 1518 Gravesend avenue, was held in \$1,000 bail on a charge of vagrancy. The three men were said to have been annoying passersby.

## BURGLARS ROB HOME AS WATCHDOG SLEEPS

Pelham Wood Family Returns to Find Gems Gone.

While a watchdog on which they relied to keep the premises clear of intruders slept peacefully in the kitchen, and while the owners were absent at the theater, the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Willenbrook of 23 Clifford avenue, Pelham Wood, was entered by burglars Thursday night and looted of jewelry and silverware valued at more than \$2,000. The burglars opened the front door with a skeleton key and ransacked the house from top to bottom. The dog was still asleep when Mr. and Mrs. Willenbrook got home, and evidently had not stirred.

Neighbors heard an automobile start from the neighborhood of the Willenbrook home shortly before the discovery of the burglary. Candle grease and finger prints are said to have been found on Mrs. Willenbrook's jewel case,

## GIRL IN CONVENT WINS CASE AGAINST MOTHER

**Effort to Prevent Her Completing Novitiate Fails.**

Acting as her own attorney, Angelica M. Burns, 19, yesterday successfully opposed an attempt of her mother, Mrs. Mary Burns, to prevent her from completing her novitiate in the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, Tarrytown. Mrs. Burns applied for a writ of habeas corpus directed against the Sisters of Mercy, alleging that her daughter was being kept there against the mother's consent.

The girl, however, presented to Justice Benedict, before whom the application was heard in Brooklyn Supreme Court, a letter from her father, Peter E. Burns, which read:

"I, Peter E. Burns, do hereby give my consent to the signature as that of her husband and reluctantly she said it was. The handwriting of the letter appeared to be in feminine hand, except for the signature. Justice Benedict ruled that the girl's father was her legal guardian, and refused to grant the application.

## TRAFFIC TOWER GIFT TO C. S. MITCHELL

Banker's Friends Give Dinner for Him.

A miniature of one of the proposed permanent traffic towers to be erected on Fifth avenue was presented last night to C. Stanley Mitchell, vice-president of the Chatham and Phoenix National Bank, at a dinner given in his honor by two hundred friends and associates at the Hotel McAlpin. Mr. Mitchell was chairman of a committee of the Fifth Avenue Association which chose the design of Joseph H. Friedman for the new traffic tower at a competition held recently. Presentation was made by William D. Pike, toastmaster.

A letter was read from Deputy Police Commissioner John A. Harris, in which he spoke of the valuable services rendered the Police Department by Mr. Mitchell and the association in solving the problems of traffic regulation in Fifth avenue. Another speaker was Robert Grier Cooke, president of the association. Among those present were Clarkson Cowell, head of James A. Hearn & Son; Grosvenor Farwell, Walter M. Taussig, Mayor of Yonkers; Clarence Klinek, Jacob Eisner and Darwin James, Jr.

## LORENZ WILL CONTINUE CLINICS HERE TO FEB. 1

Decides to Defer Trip to Chicago and the West.

Dr. Adolf Lorenz will remain in this city until February 1 and will continue to hold clinics in Health Department buildings until all crippled persons who desire to see him are accommodated, according to an announcement made last night by Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Health Commissioner.

When he first came here Dr. Lorenz intended to stay until Christmas and then go to Chicago and other Western cities. His decision to remain until February 1, it was said, came about as a result of what he and his friends regard as the favorable public opinion toward his activities in this city.

The next clinic will be held in the Health Department Building, 505 Pearl street, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Dr. Copeland has asked that no cases in spinal curvature be brought to the clinics, and that no persons be brought who are incased in plaster casts.

## COMMUTER'S PHOTO MUST BE ON TICKET

P. S. C. Upholds Action of N. Y. Central Road.

The right of the New York Central Railroad to require holders of commutation tickets to have their photographs pasted on them, was upheld yesterday by the Public Service Commission in a decision handed down by Commissioner Oliver C. Sempie.

Laurman Crosby, who fought the order on behalf of the commuters, alleged that in effect it was an increase in rates to make the commuter pay for photographs. The railroad presented evidence to show that it had been defrauded out of thousands of dollars by the use of commutation tickets by others than those to whom they were issued. Certain persons made a practice of renting them out by the day, it was alleged.

## MGR. LIVINGSTON 34 YEARS A PRIEST

Rector of St. Gabriel's Observes Anniversary.

Mgr. Livingston, who for fifteen years has been rector of St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church, East Thirty-seventh street, where he succeeded the late Father Dougherty, observed yesterday the thirty-fourth anniversary of his ordination. He was ordained at St. Joseph's Seminary, Troy, and had among his classmates the Right Rev. Mgr. John P. Chidwick, president of St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, and the Rev. Thomas M. O'Keefe, rector of the Church of St. Benedict the Moor.

Mgr. Livingston started life as a clerk with the late A. T. Stewart, but studied at and finally was graduated from the College of St. Francis Xavier, West Sixteenth street. After his ordination he served at St. Stephen's, East Twenty-eighth street, as a director of the Troy Seminary and a professor at St. Joseph's Dunwoodie. He was made rector of St. Mary's, Newburgh, in 1900, and succeeded the late Rev. James Nolan as rector of St. Peter's, Poughkeepsie, a little more than two years later. The Pope raised him to the rank of Domestic Prelate last February.

## HEAVY HEAD OF HAIR SAVES WOMAN'S LIFE

Robber in Nutley Hits Her With Iron Bar.

Jumping from behind a clump of bushes near her home a highwayman last night struck Mrs. George Rutter, twenty-five, of 16 Warren street, Nutley, N. J., over the head with an iron bar and took her pocketbook containing \$24. Mrs. Rutter was removed to the home of her father, L. E. Hudson, 100 feet away. The attending physician says she is in a dangerous condition and that her heavy hair saved her from sudden death.

Mrs. Rutter was going to her father's home when the attack occurred. The street was dark and the man attacked her with a four pound iron bar used as a window sash weight, covered with damp cloth.

## S. T. LOCKWOOD TO QUIT

BUFFALO, Dec. 17.—Stephen T. Lockwood, United States attorney for western New York, announced to-day that he will resign on January 1.

## WILL PROBE ARRESTS AT SANGER MEETING

Hylan Orders Inquiry of Police Activities at Birth Control Raid.

## HIRSHFIELD WILL ACT

Prominent Public Men Back Demand for Full Investigation.

## PERIL TO FREE SPEECH

Arrest of Mrs. Juliet Rublee Causes Indignation and Must Be Explained.

Mayor Hylan last night ordered a complete investigation of the action of the Police Department in breaking up a birth control meeting in the Town Hall on November 13, and the arrest of Mrs. Juliet Barrett Rublee on December 2, after she had testified at a hearing before Chief Inspector Lahey.

The Mayor's decision was made known by David F. Hirshfield, Commissioner of Accounts, who said, in a statement, that he had been given a free hand and directed to be "thorough" in an attempt to establish the motives behind the police action, and whether there is, as was charged by two prominent citizens in a letter sent to the Mayor December 9, any "conspiracy" on the part of the police to restrict freedom of speech.

Commissioner Hirshfield referred to the writers of the letter of complaint as "gentlemen of high social standing." They were Paul D. Cravath, Lewis L. Delafield, Charles C. Burlingham, Samuel H. Ordway, Pierre Jay, Paul E. Warburg, Charles Strauss, Montgomery Hare, Henry Morgenthau and Herbert L. Satterlee.

"These gentlemen," said Commissioner Hirshfield, "complained to the Mayor that on the evening of November 13 the police of the Twenty-sixth precinct had forcibly closed a public meeting at the Town Hall, 121 West Forty-third street, Borough of Manhattan, held by certain men and women who advocate the control of the birth of children and asked for a public investigation of the cause of this interference by the police, to the end that the right of free speech may be safeguarded."

"In as much as under the law the Commissioner of Accounts is authorized to make investigations and for that purpose is clothed with the power of compelling the attendance of witnesses and examining them under oath, the

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## Better Times Coming, Prediction by Harding

ST. PAUL, Dec. 17.—Confidence in "the return to good times" is expressed by President Harding in a letter to the editor of the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Dispatch, on the occasion of the newspaper's annual edition to be published.

"I am glad," said President Harding's letter, "to be able to express to the people of the great Northwest my firm conviction that the conditions are improving and that the country has set its foot forward on the way to the return to good times."

Mayor has by letter, dated the 10th instant, directed the Commissioner of Accounts to make a thorough investigation of the complaint made and of all matters in connection therewith.

The writers of the letter that led to the Mayor's order stated that none of them has taken part in the advocacy of birth control, but they regarded the action of the police in halting the meeting and in arresting Mrs. Rublee, who was later discharged, as a matter to "cause grave alarm" and to wonder whether "a conspiracy exists in the Police Department to deny the right of free speech and the equal protection of the law to citizens of New York."

Inspector Lahey has not made public the result of his inquiry, at which Capt. Thomas Donohoe of the West Forty-seventh street station took responsibility for breaking up the meeting.

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Appellate Court Reverses Decision in Goldberg Case.

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## POLICEMAN KILLED AS CROWD WATCHES

Long Branch Shoppers See Shell Shocked Negro Empty His Revolver.

## CHASED THROUGH CITY

Running Duel Ends With Attempt of Crowd to Lynch Assailant.

LONG BRANCH, Dec. 17.—Patrolman Herman A. Emmons was shot and killed in the heart of the business district today by a negro whom Emmons was said to have chased away from a card game a week ago. Four shots were fired, one of which pierced Emmons's throat, causing almost instant death. Another went into his chest and the rest went wild among a crowd of women shoppers.

The negro, said to be Ernest Williams,

a former overseas soldier, backed up after Emmons fell, walking down the middle of the street, and reloaded his revolver while women rushed frantically into hallways and men gathering about Emmons's body hesitated to dash at the slayer.

The tenseness of the situation continued for several minutes, until Patrolmen Duclou and De Santis, attracted by the firing from nearby posts, reached Broadway and Third avenue, where Emmons's body lay. Up the street was Williams, retreating backwards, with his weapon holding away pursuit. Drawing their pistols, the policemen started for him.

A running duel in which more than fifty shots were fired, followed. Williams took refuge behind a fence in the rear yard of a house in Second avenue and continued firing and reloading. Because of his concealment the policemen could not hit him. The crowd drew in about the place and at last the firing stopped, Williams having exhausted his ammunition.

Breaking past the policemen, the crowd seized Williams, beat and kicked him and demanded a lynching. But the policemen managed to get to him, dragged him to the street and took him in a taxicab to the City Hall, and later to the county jail at Freehold, N. J. In the negro district of Long Branch Williams has been regarded as dangerous, crazed by shell shock, the police learned, Emmons was married.

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